

Louisiana's Way Home

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1. What happened that started the curse of Granny and Louisiana?
Louisiana's great-grandfather sawed her great-grandmother in half and refused to put her back together. This started the curse of sundering (splitting/leaving).
2. Why did Granny say they needed to leave immediately?
Their day of reckoning had arrived. So they needed to leave at 3:00 AM.
3. What happened at the Florida-Georgia state line?
Granny's car ran out of gas.
4. Who was George LaTrell?
He was the man that was driving when granny and Louisiana ran out of gas. Granny talked George into taking them to a gas station and buying them gas.
5. What did Louisiana get at Vic's value?
While Granny was getting gas, Louisiana went into the store and Vic gave her 14 small bags of peanuts.
6. Why did Louisiana have to drive the car?
Granny was suffering from a dental emergency and was in extreme pain. She drove the car to find a dentist.
7. What did Carol Anne give to Louisiana at the dentist office?
She gave Louisiana homemade chocolate chip cookies that she had made for her grandkids.
8. What happened to Granny at the dentist office?
Granny had to have all her teeth pulled out of her mouth.
9. What did Louisiana do when Mrs. Ivy mentioned the bill?
Louisiana gave her a fake address and told her it was her grandfather who paid all the bills.
10. What happened when Louisiana and Granny showed up at the Good Night, Sleep Tight hotel?
Granny made her go into the office and try to get the room for free. Bernice made them pay for one night because she wasn't going to hear any hardship stories.
11. What happened the first time that Louisiana talked to Burke?
Burke told her that he could get her anything from the vending machine that she wanted.
12. What was the name of Burke's animal friend?
It was a black crow named Clarence.

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13. What happened when they still could not pay for the room for the second night?
Granny told Bernice that Louisiana could sing. She convinced Bernice to take Louisiana to the nearest church and try out to sing for funerals.
14. When Louisiana was at the church, why did she not have luck calling her friends using directory assistance?
Louisiana realized she did not know either of her friends' phone numbers. She asked directory assistance for Raymie Clarke but there were five Clarkes and no Raymie. When she asked for Beverly Tapinski there were no Tapinski listed in Lister, Florida.
15. What did Louisiana request from the vending machine from Burke?
A package of peanut butter crackers, a package of cheese crackers, a ball point pen, and an Oh Henry! candy bar.
16. What was Louisiana's last name and how did she get it?
Last name was Elefante and she got it from her parents who were trapeze artists.
17. What was Burke Allen's dream?
Burke wanted to join a circus.
18. What happens the first time Louisiana goes home to Burke's house?
Burke made her three baloney sandwiches.
19. When Louisiana returned to the hotel, what had happened to Granny?
Granny was not there. Granny left her a letter.
20. What information did Louisiana learn from the letter that Granny left?
She learned that Granny saw her father coming back to the hotel after sawing grandma in half, but he did not stay to talk to her. Granny felt she had to go back to elf ear because her father was appearing to her. Louisiana also learned that Granny had found her in an alley in New Orleans and took her in, so she did not have to go to the orphanage. Her parents' identity was not known.
21. How did Louisiana lose Granny's letter?
She fell in a hole while she was running through the woods looking for Burke's pink house.
22. Who found her in the woods?
Burke Allen's father – Burke Allen
23. What did Burke's mother do for the carnival?
She was baking 17 cakes to be used for an auction. Everyone loved her cakes.

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24. What did Grandpa Burke do for Louisiana at dinner?
He gave her his dessert of ice cream with chocolate sauce. She held his hand while eating the dessert.
25. Why did Louisiana go back to the church – The Good Shepard?
She want Reverend Obertask to help undo the curse on her.
26. What did Burke help her realize about the curse?
The curse was not hers since Granny was not her blood relative.
27. What happened when she went into Reverend Obertask's office?
He was sleeping in his chair. His pipe was falling out of his hand. She grabbed the pipe to prevent the church from burning down. Miss Lulu accused her of trying to steal the pipe.
28. When Louisiana tried to get her luggage back, what did Bernice insist she do?
She told Louisiana that she must sing at the funeral to pay the bill. Only then would she get her bag back.
29. What happened when Louisiana sang at the funeral?
She sang with all her heart and then she imagined seeing people (Granny, Dr. Fox, Mrs. Ivy, etc). She fainted and Reverend Obertask took her home to the Burke's. On the way home she told Reverend her whole story.
30. After the Reverend talked with Betty Allen, what did Betty Allen have Louisiana do with her?
Betty Allen had her help make a marble cake for the auction. She told Louisiana that she could live with them.
31. What happened that Louisiana talks about when she almost drowned?
She speaks about how the Blue Fairy from Pinocchio came to her under the water and wanted her to go deeper into the pond.
32. How did Burke help Louisiana when she did not know what to do?
He made her climb a high tree beside Good Night. Sleep Tight. He got her some treats from the vending machine. He then told her that her "Pinocchio stars" were the Big Dipper. He pointed out the North Star and explained that she would never be lost if she followed the North Star.
33. Why did Louisiana not care that she did not win a cake?
She had decided to stay in the town and live with the Allen family. She found her "home".
34. What did Louisiana learn after speaking to Raymie on the phone?
Archie (her cat) was with Raymie. Her friends from Florida could come and visit her in Georgia.